GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF LAND BY NLC IN NEYVELI IN TAMILNADU
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any report regarding procurement/acquisition of land from the common public for the coal mines in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of land procured/acquired by NLC during the last two decades;

(c) whether the Government have proposed to compensate the families whose lands have been acquired for coal mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total area of the various mines in the Neyveli and the annual production of each mine during the last three years and the current year; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production and utility of lignite as well as for the conservation of the available lignite resources in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b):Yes, Sir. 3438.31.0 hectares of land have been acquired from common public by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC) in the last two decades.

(c)&(d):Yes, Sir. Compensation for acquired lands are paid as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act. Under the Act, monetary compensation to the affected families are paid as fixed by the competent authority for different categories of land surrendered. Apart from this, NLC has anapproved rehabilitation action plan comprising of a physical resettlement package for those surrendering houses and an economic rehabilitation package comprising of self-employment training, temporary employment, contract work etc. for land oustees.

(e): The total area of land acquired for various mines in Neyveli from 1960 and upto 30-11-2000 are given below:-

Area	covered	by	Mine	I	-	3279.11.0 hectares
Area	covered	by	Mine	II	-	2997.30.0 hectares
Total					-	6276.41.0 hectares

Lignite production details (in Million Tonnes) for the last three years and for the current year (upto November,2000) is as under:-

Year	Mine I	Mine II
1997-98	7.50	10.61
1998-99	7.54	10.63
1999-00	6.90	10.65
2000-01	4.09	7.17

(Upto Nov.2000)

(f) NLC is the first enterprise in the country to mine lignite and utilise it for power generation. NLC has undertaken expansion of Mine I project to raise production from 6.5 million tonnes to 10.5 million tonnes and will use it for power generation. NLC is also developing a new mine of 3 million tonnes capacity at Neyveli for power generation. NLC is also planning to expand capacity of Mine II by 4 million tonnes and for opening of a new mine of 12 million tonnes capacity. Lignite is also being mined in Rajasthan and Gujarat for a variety of uses including power generation. Further, Central Government promotes exploration of lignite deposits in the country in order to build up a comprehensive data-base about viable deposits of lignite for future exploitation. The Government is striving to make optimal use of lignite and conservation by scrutinising the related mine plan submitted to the Central Government for approval before

any new mine is opened.